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As much as diuers
of his Maiesties Sub-
iects, hauing in-
croched some parcels of
ground out of some
Commons, wastes or
Wayes, holden of the
King in Capite: or by Knights service,
haue thereby made themselves subiect
to the charge of all incumbrances inci-
dent to those Tenures, his Maiestie is
A 2 graciously

graciously pleased, that they shall haue the said Lands so encroched, freed for euer, (as well those whereof Offices haue bene found, as those whereof no discouerie hath yet bene made) from those incumbzances, for reasonable composition.

ALI such persons as are seised of any parcell of Lands, whereof there is not any Office or Record expressly to prooue any Tenure, and yet it may bee, that some of those parcels haue in former times beene parcels of some Mannour or Lordship, holden of his Maiestie in Chiefe or by Knights seruice, and were either infranchised to Copie-holders, exchanged or giuen to yonger children, or to some of the kindred or otherwise dismembred, or in case where the Kings Tenant hath conueted away any lands holden of the King to defeate his Maiestie of Wardship, Lyuerie, or Primer seisen, and yet coloured with fained considerations, or where there is some ancient record to prooue such a Tenure, of which

Which for a long time there hath beene
no fruit, by reason whereof they ought
to be in warde or sue Lyuerie, or ought
to pay or answere any meane profits to
the King, which hath not beene found
by any Office or Inquisition, by the
space of two yeeres or more, next after
the death of any the Kings Tenants
so holding.

Al such persons, which shall offer
to compound with his Maiestie
in that behalfe, his Maiestie is
likewise pleased that they shall be recei-
ued to composition, both for wardship
of body and lands, Lyuerie, Intrusi-
on, and all meane profits so growen
due as aforesaid, without pressing them
to reueale any Tenure in particular:
And further if any person haue beene
or are now in warde for a meane Te-
nure by Knights service, and do know
or feare that he holdeth other lands of
the King by Knights service in Chiefe,
(in which case hee is to answere all
meane profits as an Intruder vpon an

Office to be found) His Maiestie is also graciously pleased, to admit a Composition for such meane profits and Intrusions past, if it bee two yeeres since the death of the last Ancestor. And in all the abovesaide cases where arrearages are due, not above the fourth part thereof shall be demanded according to the rate thereof, by the value of the land found by Office, or extant by good matter of Record, and where no value appeareth of Record, such a Composition shall be considered of, upon conference between the Master and Counsaile of his Maiesties Court of Wards and Liveries, and the Suitor, as neere the said proportion as may be, and as shall bee found agreeing with his Maiesties gracious purpose, and reasonable satisfaction of each party.

And to the ende that no man may take occasion, out of feare of the greatnesse of the charge, to forbear to seeke this course of Composition, his Maiestie is pleased to give order,

der, that no greater Fees shall be payd
for the great Seale in these Cases, then
were payd for his Maiesties gracious
generall Pardon.

P Rovided allwayes, that no person
shalbe admitted to Composition,
for the enquire of whole Landes
any Writ or Commission hath bene al-
ready sued forth, and effectually pro-
secuted, Within the space of two yeeres
last past, or for the discoverie of the Te-
nure of whole Landes, there is any
Suite depending in his Maiesties said
Courts of Wards.

